

A.G. RULES LIBRARY BOARD HAS FINAL BUDGET AUTHORITY

In Opinion #6924 issued on December 4, Michigan attorney general Frank Kelly stated that a library board of directors has the authority to determine the final annual budget of a city library established under the city, village, and township libraries act, 1877 P.A. 164.

The opinion came in response to a question raised by Representative Thomas Kelly of Wayne at the request of a local library board.

The attorney general's opinion applies to city libraries organized under section 1 or section 10a of the city, village, and township libraries act.

In addition to all 107 city libraries in Michigan, the opinion may offer guidance for the state's 17 village and 103 township libraries because in section 11.(7) of that act, the library boards of cities, villages

or townships are all given the powers listed in section 5.

Because section 5 is cited in Opinion #6924 as the definition for the powers of the library board, it would appear that village and township library boards share identical powers with the city library boards identified in the opinion.

The question arose over the role of a city council in setting the city library budget. The attorney general's analysis confirmed "exclusive control of the expenditure of all monies collected" as stated in section 5 of the act, and similar powers given to libraries organized under section 10a as well.

In conclusion, Opinion #6924 states that "this language makes it abundantly clear that it is the library board, and not the city council, that determines the amount of money to be raised for library purposes within the library tax

rate approved by the voters."

The new opinion also cited a 1942 attorney general's opinion (#24644) on the budget responsibilities of library boards organized under section 10a of the law. The new opinion held that although there have been some amendments to the law, "the basic responsibilities of the library board relating to budgeting for the support and maintenance of a public library have not changed."

The attorney general's opinion closes by saying "It is my opinion, therefore, that the library board of directors has the authority to determine the final annual budget of a city library established under 1877 P.A. 164."

Copies of the new opinion are being sent to all city libraries as well to all of the public library cooperatives by the Library of Michigan.

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RURAL LIBRARIES CONFERENCE IS APRIL 30–MAY 2

A program of interest to librarians and trustees has been created through hard work by the Planning Committee for the fifth Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference. Thirty sessions on a variety of topics will address these broad categories: buildings, children's and young adult services, collection development, library administration and technology.

Other features include two major keynote speakers, Michigan authors, a trustee track, an evening of storytelling, the awards dinner, CEUs for all programs and exhibitors/demonstrations. There will be an Internet room for learning how to search the Web and for catching up on email. The Conference is scheduled to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, from April 30 - May 2.

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REFOCUS FOR LIBRARY ESTABLISHMENT SPECIALIST

Ellen Richardson serves as the Library of Michigan's library establishment specialist. She is an attorney who has also been a librarian and a library trustee. In this position, she is responsible for providing legal information to the state librarian and the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees on the creation, boundaries and funding mechanisms for public libraries in the state.

State librarian George M. Needham notes that "over the years, this position had been used by many in the state as a general counsel for public libraries. The types of questions the Library Establishment Specialist handled covered a wide range of legal issues, not just those dealing with establishment questions." Needham points out that this put the Library in an awkward position, since it is not legally empowered to provide this type of advice.

"Also, since the passage of Proposal A and the District Library Law, there has been a large increase in the number of establishment questions facing the Library of Michigan," he said. "In order to provide the best service to the library community, it is necessary to restrict non-establishment questions."

What sort of questions can Ms. Richardson handle? Here are a few examples:

What do we need to form a district library?

What are the basic duties of library trustees and directors?

How was my library originally created and how does that affect me now?

How should my board be constituted?

On the other hand, these are the kinds of issues for which Ms. Richardson **cannot** provide counsel:

Does the ADA require me to put a ramp on my library building?

Are we covered by the wage hour law?

How can I advertise an open position to stay within the Equal Opportunity laws?

Is this contract I am about to sign legal?

Ms. Richardson has been building an excellent referral file of other state and federal agencies and will be happy to provide direction for answers to these types of questions. She is also going to continue providing workshops and conference programs around the state to help train library directors and trustees about their rights and responsibilities.

Needham asked for understanding and patience from the library community as the Library of Michigan refocuses this position.

LSCA IMPACT LETTERS SOUGHT

The Library of Michigan appreciates the receipt of Impact statements, articles, quotations, photos, and other comments on positive impacts made by current and previous Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grants.

Many of these were included in the Library of Michigan's *LSCA Report for 1995* publication. Such statements clearly demonstrated the significant value of LSCA projects to library users and Michigan communities, and provided input into the legislative process that resulted in the recent passage of the Library Services and Technology Act.

The *LSCA Annual Report for 1996* will be distributed in the spring of 1997 to the Michigan Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., the American Library Association, Michigan Library Association, library cooperatives, regions of cooperation, and public libraries, as well as to Michigan's state senate and house of representatives.

"The *LSCA Report for 1995* was greatly enhanced by the library community quotes, and we extend sincere thanks to all libraries who took the time to submit letters," notes federal programs division director Joan M. Groening. "We encourage all libraries benefiting from LSCA to consider submitting impact statements for the 1996 publication. While we appreciate receiving this information at any time, we would like to compile additional impact statements, articles, quotes, and photographs in January."

Please help us make this publication a great success again this year by submitting information about your projects. Please identify your library, article author, year(s) of project(s) and sources of end-user quotes, if possible. The Library of Michigan may edit your comments for space and consistency. Send by mail to: Donna Holdridge, Library of Michigan, 717 W. Allegan St., P.O. Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909; fax: 517-373-5700; or email: dholdrid@libofmich.lib.mi.us

SINGLE AUDIT CHANGES AFFECT LIBRARIES

All public libraries are required to have an annual financial audit and file a copy with the Michigan Department of Treasury (Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act 2 of 1968, Section 141.425). In addition to that financial audit, any non-federal agency that receives federal assistance must also comply with the Single Audit Act. Recent and proposed revisions to the Single Audit Act may affect the audit of your library for 1996/1997.

In July 1996, the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (Public Law 104-156) bill was signed by the President to revise the provisions in the Single Audit Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-502). The most significant change is that any non-Federal agency expending \$300,000 or more in one fiscal year is required to obtain a single audit. The previous threshold was the receipt or recognition of \$25,000 or more of federal funds.

Many libraries previously required to have a single audit now will not be required to do so if they expend less than \$300,000 in federal assistance for their fiscal year. The amendment is effective for any non-federal agency with a fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 1996. For fiscal years beginning before that date, the \$25,000 threshold and the prior rules apply.

Currently the Single Audit Act provisions for libraries are implemented by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." The Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 called for uniform requirements for audits of all types of organizations. As a consequence, the OMB has proposed to consolidate requirements for states, local governments and nonprofit organizations in Circular A-133, which currently addresses only nonprofit organizations.

OMB would, at the same time, rescind Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." If the proposed revisions to Circular A-133 are passed, all libraries receiving federal



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LIB.MI.US**

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEL-NII AWARDS SEMI-FINALIST

From a field of over 850 entries, MEL has been selected as a semi-finalist in the Public Access category of the Second Annual National Information Infrastructure (NII) Awards.

The 1996 NII awards semifinalists represent the best uses of the Internet and other networking technologies, in several categories of business, community service, government and entertainment. More information on the NII awards may be found

on the Awards Web site at <http://www.gii-awards.com/>.

Though it has become the most prestigious award of its kind, the program's creators designed the awards to be more a showcase for ideas and achievement than a competition for excellence. The NII awards program has won praise from leaders in business, community and government positions, including vice president Al Gore, who cited the NII's efforts to reward and publicize these especially beneficial uses of the information highway. The awards program itself has been an overwhelming

awards would be required to comply with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Circular A-133.

The Library of Michigan has notified all FY 1996 Title I and III subgrantees and current Title II

success: the 850 entrants that responded to this year's call for submissions represented a 50% increase over last year.

This year's NII winners were announced at a ceremony in New York City on December 3, 1996 and although MEL did not advance to this final stage, the MEL collaborators are cited for being "resourceful, creative and talented pioneers in the Information Revolution."

Key MEL Subject Areas are:

- Business, Economics & Labor
- Children & Young Adults
- Education
- Government, Politics & Law
- Health Information Resources
- Humanities
- The Internet, Computers & Technology
- Libraries & Information Science
- Michigan
- News, Media & Periodicals
- Reference Desk
- Science & the Environment
- Social Issues & Social Services
- Collection Policy & Other MEL Documents
- Responses to Questions Sent to MEL

NEW MEL LOGO UNVEILED

Following on the heels of this announcement, the MEL Advisory Council introduced the new MEL logo shown above. It also can be viewed electronically at <http://mel.lib.mi.us/>.

With the creation of MEL's new "look", work is underway to develop promotional items to be distributed statewide. Proposed items for the MEL promotional packet include instructions for dial-in access using the guest@mel.lib.mi.us login (password: guest), MEL FAQs, a promotional flyer and tips on searching MEL.

subgrantees of these audit changes and will continue to provide updates to the single audit requirements. If you need more information, please contact Jayne Lukowski at the Library of Michigan, 517-373-5845.

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(1) 1996 Michigan Librarian of the Year Tom Genson of Grand Rapids Public Library (center) with MLA executive director Marianne Hartsell (left) and awards chair Faye Backie.

(2) Walter H. Kaiser award recipient Susanna Davidsen of the University of Michigan MLink project.

(3) Earning the 1996 Loleta Fyan award was Cynthia Terwilliger of Lapeer County Library, shown with Ms. Hartsell (l) and Ms. Backie (r).

(4) Receiving the first William P. Faust Legislator of the Year award was Congressman Dale Kildee of Flint. MLA president Beverly Papai made the presentation.

(5) Kathy Lockwood of Waldron District Library received the Trustee Citation of Merit from President Papai.

(6) Noted author Elmore Leonard (l) was given \$1,000 and the 1996 Michigan Author Award by Michigan Center for the Book president Joe Mika and Ms. Hartsell.

(7) Ken Bignotti of Livonia Public Library was awarded the Young Adult Librarian of the Year award by Holly Ward of Howell Carnegie District Library.

(8) Joe Railola, associate editor of Mad Magazine, (r) attracted a considerable number of present and past readers following his entertaining presentation.

(9) Young adult and children's author M. E. Kerr (seated) was recognized as the MLA Young Adults Services Division's Honor Winner of the Year. She autographed her books for many avid readers.

(10 & 11) President's Program keynote speaker Dr. David D. Thornburg probed the future for a record size MLA audience.

(12) Tennessee assistant state librarian Sandra Nelson told a large President's Program audience how to prepare staff for the next millennium.



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Virtually all MLA sessions were packed, as some 1,306 librarians, staff members, trustees, administrators, vendors and speakers were in attendance. The annual live and silent auctions raised a record amount for MLA programs and scholarships. Thursday evening's "Boot Scootin' with Bev" president's reception included a western motif and even line dancing.



ALBION CREATES A WORLD WIDE PRESENCE



Reviewing the Albion Forks Initiative home page are (from left): Albion Public Library director Karen Sherrard, Woodlands Library Cooperative director James Seidl, Albion College Library director John Kondelik and state librarian George Needham.

At the same time the Internet is tying many diverse people together worldwide, a regional computer consortium in the Albion area called "The Forks Initiative" is creating exciting new community links for south central Michigan. Meanwhile it is bringing an awareness of Albion to computer users from many parts of the globe.

The city of Albion, the Albion College library, Albion Community Hospital, Albion Public Library and Woodlands Library Cooperative joined together three years ago to develop a community identity and presence on the world wide web. The list of active participants continues to grow and now also includes the Albion Chamber of Commerce, Albion Public Schools, Community Cable Access, Starr Commonwealth, the local Volunteer Center and a number of local businesses.

"The Forks" refers to the place near downtown Albion where the north and south branches of the Kalamazoo River converge. This meeting of two bodies of water has been likened to the merging of previously unrelated community agencies through this computer project.

A 1993 National Science Foundation Access Grant provided the initial impetus to start the project, and a community committee was formed the following year. By 1995 a high-speed T-1 computer line, a modem rack and a public access computer had been installed, thanks to two

Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grants from the Library of Michigan, a Kellogg Grant and a Housing and Urban Development award.

Today there are 22 dial-in modems, a community-based web server, e-mail via the Great Lakes Free-Net in Battle Creek, web pages for various Albion area organizations, automation of both the public and school libraries, cable access classes, Internet classes and technical support.

The project not only tells the world about Albion but also informs some 400 area password holders about local events, opportunities and information resources. At the same time it connects the community to external resources.

"We're fortunate to have had a history of cooperation among the various libraries in our community," notes Albion College Library director John Kondelik. "They all felt their roles included being involved in community issues such as being an integral information link. All had a willingness to cast a wide net."

That made it easier to establish a vision for the Forks Initiative to provide local access to electronic information that meets the diverse educational, cultural and informational needs of the community equitably and cost effectively.

Money to keep the project operating comes not only from grants but also from the local Friends of the Library, an annual fund-raiser, the business commu-

nity and existing budgets of member organizations. Considerable expertise to run the program comes from Albion area volunteers, the project coordinator and employees of the libraries, city, college, hospital and schools.

According to Albion Public Library director Karen Sherrard, more public access sites are planned for the future, supplementing those already in operation at her library and the other member libraries. Library resources will continue to be increasingly linked together as part of the overall plan to develop an expanded community network backbone. More facilities and training, a community calendar, community e-mail, a community home page and more programming for cable public access are also in the offing.

"The information revolution will happen with or without libraries," points out Woodlands Library Cooperative director James Seidl. "We all wanted it to happen with our libraries. Each of us realizes that libraries must provide equal access to information. We all see the benefits in building partnerships and taking action. Involving so many parts of the community has done much to expand our awareness of Albion and its needs."

Seidl finds that local interest in the Internet continues to grow exponentially. Through Albion Public Library he offers free Internet training to the public through three consecutive Tuesday evening sessions, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The first introductory session is held at the Albion Library. The second session focuses on a hands-on exploration of the Internet and, like the third session, is held at the Internet Training Center at Jackson District Library with nine directly-connected computers. Session three teaches the world wide web in depth, especially focusing on Netscape, its settings, search engines and the HTML language.

To view Albion's community web presence and the involvement of its many community groups, use a world wide web browser such as Netscape Navigator and type: <http://www.forks.org>

Created to bring helpful tips to the Internet user, this column is a regular feature of the Library of Michigan's "Access" and is brought to you by the NII Council on Continuing Education (NIICCE). NIICCE members are committed to training and continuing education in the area of technology and electronic information to librarians, library staff, trustees and communities.

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DID YOU KNOW?

A great way to get started with HTML coding for creating world wide web pages is to access your favorite web page and view "Document Source." This is a feature of most WWW browsers. Using Netscape, open the View menu and select the Document Source command to open a second window that will reveal the coding used to create the current WWW page.

If you really like a certain part of the page, highlight the code that created that part, press [Ctrl]-[c] to "Copy" the text to the Windows clipboard, and "Paste" the text in a new Notepad text document. If you would rather, simply save the entire WWW document to your hard drive using the "Save As" command of the File menu. After you copy or save the HTML coding of your favorite WWW page, use an HTML reference (<http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/General/Internet/WWW/HTMLPrimer.html>) to begin to understand how you can use HTML tags to create your own WWW pages.

Internet users running Netscape 1.2 under 16-color display resolution view WWW background colors that fall outside of the limited 16-color spectrum as a mess of mixed colors, which makes it extremely difficult to view the text on the page. To reach the widest audience with your WWW site, be sure to either not use a background color, or choose one of the 16 used in 16-color video display.

For more information on backgrounds and background colors:

Background Colors

<http://www.infi.net/wwwimages/colorindex.html>

Controlling Document Backgrounds

http://home.netscape.com/assist/net_sites/bg/index.html

HTML ColorEditor for CGI

<http://www.infocom.net/~bbs/cgi-bin/colorEditor.cgi>

The Background Sample

http://home.netscape.com/assist/net_sites/bg/backgrounds.html

The Backgrounds Archive

<http://the-tech.mit.edu/KPT/bgs.html>

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Lview Pro, a Windows graphics viewer/editor, is a great tool for creating .gif image files with transparency. Transparency allows a defined part of an image to show through to the image or color underneath. For example, if you would like an image of a library to appear "cut-out" so that only the building shows, and nothing else around it but the background or color of the web page, create a .gif image with transparency.

For an excellent tutorial on creating .gif transparencies, check out <http://www.vmedia.com/archives/clipart/tutorial/000.html>.

NIICCE Uses New Technologies

Michigan's National Information Infrastructure Council on Continuing Education (NIICCE) is currently exploring new technologies and heard noted Internet author Richard Wiggins at its December 5 meeting. Wiggins, of MSU and the Network for Excellence in Manufacturing (NEM) Online, spoke on real-time Internet communications. He provided background information, identified some of the tools available and openly discussed their applications and limitations.

NIICCE members were able to "try out" one such Internet communications tool: CU-SeeMe. A desktop video conferencing program developed at Cornell University, CU-SeeMe runs on Macintosh and Windows PCs. It provides real-time audio and video transmission capabilities to machines throughout the world. CU-SeeMe transmissions are sent over the Internet to allow individual users to connect to each other in one-to-one communication.

Reflector software has also been developed to allow multiple people to connect to the "reflector" site, using CU-SeeMe software, and to see and talk to anyone else connected to that same reflector. As an emergent technology, desktop video conferencing promises many potential uses in such areas as distance learning, user support (help desk) and for meeting/conferencing purposes.

As part of an Internet Training Center upgrade, each public library cooperative in Michigan received the hardware and software for Internet communications using CU-SeeMe. The Library of Michigan also purchased this technology for its Training Center. NIICCE members are currently working on ways to apply this technology to continuing education.

NIICCE is also exploring Compressed Video Broadcasting, to be used for its March 6 meeting. A compressed video network started by community colleges around the state has expanded to include universities and colleges. For a listing of instructional telecommunication systems in Michigan see <http://www.mde.state.mi.us/reports/inventory/>

Tentative broadcast and receive sites are Schoolcraft College (Livonia), Central Michigan University (Mount Pleasant) and Northern Michigan University (Marquette). Focus will be on content development for World Wide Web documents. For details, contact Susan Parr (ssparr@libofmich.lib.mi.us or 517-373-9487) or Anne Donohue (adonohue@libofmich.lib.mi.us or 517-373-5508).

DESCRIPTIVE VIDEOTAPES OFFERED



From left: Bill Berkhof, Robert Blakes and Andrew Wilson peruse some of the new descriptive videotapes recently added to the Library of Michigan's Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (SBPH). The tapes are now available to area SBPH patrons by mail or can be picked up week days at the Library of Michigan.

Descriptive videotapes are now available at the Library of Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to registered individual patrons served directly from Lansing. Descriptive videos are movies where the visual elements are described—the action, characters, locations, costumes and sets—without interfering with the movie's dialogue or sound effects.

To watch these movies and hear the descriptions, you only need a standard VHS video cassette player (VCR) and a television. No special feature or device is needed. The collection available to Lansing patrons was purchased by gifts, donations, and bequests to the Library of Michigan Foundation. The Descriptive Video Service (DVS) is non-profit and funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education, to make home videos accessible to people with visual impairments through the art of description.

The video collection includes some of today's most popular movies, classics and documentaries. "Schindler's List," "Forrest Gump," "The Lion King" and "Home Alone" are samples of movies available through this program. "Baseball," the quintessential history of the all-American pastime by Ken Burns (a nine volume set), and "Eyes on the Prize," the most comprehensive television documentary ever produced on the American civil rights movement from 1954-1965, are also included. The movies will be loaned to SBPH patrons with a loan period of seven days without charge and will be circulated via mail or walk-in service.

For more information on how eligible patrons in the Lansing area can order descriptive videos, please call either 517-373-5614 or 1-800-992-9012. Readers outside the Lansing service area may be able to obtain descriptive videos from their subregional libraries, including Macomb County LBPH (1-810-286-1580); Mideast-ern Michigan LBPH (1-810-732-1120); Oakland County LBPH (1-800-774-4542); the Upper Peninsula LBPH (1-800-562-8985); the Washtenaw County LBPH (1-313-971-6059); or Wayne County Regional LBPH (1-313-274-2600). Some public libraries, including Jackson District Library and St. Clair County Library, also offer descriptive videotapes to registered borrowers.

NEW LIBRARY DIRECTORS MEET

Recently appointed library directors from public libraries across the state met December 11 at the Library of Michigan in Lansing to learn the latest information on regulations, library procedures, legal requirements and Library of Michigan programs. Also attending were more than two dozen library trustees.



(L-R) Back row: Melissa Ann Huisman (Hudsonville), Mary L. Johnson (Pinckney), Barbara Smith (Tecumseh), Vickey Bloom (Grosse Pointe), Nannette Miller (Boyne District), Ann Perrigo (Allegan). Front: Marilyn Kwik (Hamtramck), Maurice B. Wheeler (Detroit Public Library), Christine Nofsinger (Marcellus), Jeanette Bazzett (Grant Public Library, Fremont), Carol Brown (Mulliken).



Back: Martha Seaman (Ingham County Library), Eileen Doyle (Niles), Larry Haubenstricker (Fairgrove), Penelope Jones (Gladwin County Public Library), Martha Jackson (Leighton Township Library), Marion Lusardi (Chesterfield Township Library). Front: Sallie Brodie (Cromaine District Library, Hartland), Christine Berro (Portage), Jennifer Jones (Aitkin Memorial Library), Jeanette Nathan (Ogemaw District Library, Rose City), Lou Collins (McBain Community Library).



FUNDING TASK FORCE BEGINS WORK

A statewide Library Funding Task Force met at the Library of Michigan October 30 to research possible ways that Michigan libraries might be funded in the future and ultimately to make recommendations to the library community. Speakers included (L-R): James Bouchard, Lima Public Library, Lima, OH; Maureen Derenzy, Otsego County Library, Gaylord; Sarah Ann Long, North Suburban Library System, Wheeling, IL; and Dr. Kenneth Verburg, Michigan State University, East Lansing.

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tions. There will be an Internet room for learning how to search the Web and for catching up on email. In addition, there will also be a luncheon address and opportunities to get to know new state librarian George Needham. The Conference is scheduled to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, from April 30 - May 2.

Plan to join your colleagues for education, networking and fun at the Conference. Registration is \$65 for the full Conference and \$35 for one day attendance. Registration materials will be mailed in late January, 1997 or call 517-373-2548.

Conference sponsors include the Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation's Loleta Fyan Fund, the Cooperative Directors Association and the Michigan Library Association. Major funding is from the federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA).

A specially-priced block of rooms at the Grand Traverse Resort is going fast. For more information, please call the Resort at 1-800-748-0303 or fax to 616-938-3859.

MEDIA ALERT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES: GET READY NOW!

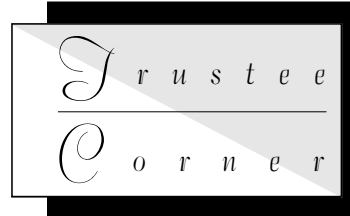
A national advertising campaign will be launched this spring to acquaint the general public with learning disabilities. This will bring an upsurge of questions on the topic at reference desks, in children's rooms and in literacy project offices. The pervasiveness of these "hidden disabilities" is staggering: one in seven children, and an estimated 15% of the total population, or about 39 million Americans of all ages.

To help librarians get ready, a resource kit is being sent in late January to all public library directors nationwide. It includes suggestions for collection development, organizations to contact for information or referral, adaptations to programming and services, and materials for staff training. A number of single sheets are designed to be photocopied and distributed directly to the public.

Meanwhile the January 1997 issue of *American Libraries* featured an introduction to learning disabilities, with descriptions of what some libraries are doing already to serve their communities. The article is called "The 15% Solution: Libraries and Learning Disabilities." Subsequent issues will explore the impact of learning disabilities on literacy programs and children's services.

The packet is one of the services being offered to libraries by Roads To Learning, The Public Libraries' Learning Disabilities Initiative. Others include a listserv, state and regional workshops, and a telephone and email Networking Resource Center.

Roads To Learning is funded through a grant from the Emily Hall Tremain Foundation and administered by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the American Library Association. For additional information, contact Audrey Gorman at ASCLA. Telephone: 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4027. Fax: (312) 944-8085. Email: agorman@ala.org. Or call Cheryl Malden at the same phone number, ext. 4399.



...will return to page 9 in our next issue. Because of the importance of Board involvement in the Attorney General's recent library budget opinion (see top of page 1), the article originally planned for this location was moved.



James P. Smith and his wife, Mabel, shown in 1993 when he was honored for a half-century of service on the Almont District Library board of trustees.

The James P. Smith Genealogy & Local History Room at Almont District Library has been named in honor of Mr. Smith, who died in 1996 after serving 53 years as an Almont board trustee. Appointed to fill a vacancy in December, 1943, Mr. Smith became board vice president on April 4, 1945 and served as president from May 11, 1949 until his death on June 27. "Always active, he was not just there for the meetings," notes Almont library director Kay J. Torney. "Mr. Smith spent many hours outside the library taking on many responsibilities." The room was named in his honor because of his pride in the library's genealogy collection. His wife, Mabel, was appointed to complete the remainder of his term.

"GOOSEBUMPS" NUMBER ONE CHILDREN'S BOOK

Children visiting the Detroit Public Library voted R.L. Stine's "Goosebumps" as their number one favorite book. Each year, in observance of November's National Children's Book Week, DPL children's librarians encourage children to nominate their 10 favorite books. Children voting are in grades preschool through eight.

And the top ten favorite children's books are:

10. "Sweet Valley High" by Francine Pascal
9. "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl
8. "Babysitters Club" by Ann Martin
7. "The Lion King" by Disney
6. "Charlotte's Web" by E. B. White
5. "Tailypo" by Jan Wahl
4. "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss
3. "Magic School Bus" by JoAnna Cole
2. "Superfudge" by Judy Blume
1. "Goosebumps" by R. L. Stine

For more details, call DPL's Children's Services Department at 313-833-1437.

NOVEMBER MILLAGE VOTES: MIXED RESULTS

Bloomfield Hills voters turned down a .4 mill request to fund library services from Bloomfield Township Public Library by a 735 "Yes" to 1,500 "No" margin and a 70.28% turnout. A compromise service contract (about \$200,000 annually for 3 years) has since been approved by the city commission.

Glen Lake Community Library, Empire: 65.43% of voters said "Yes" for .45 mills during a five-year construction phase and also approved .25 mills for 15 years thereafter.

Hudsonville District Library passed their library ballot proposal by just 10 votes. In 1995 the question failed by only nine votes.

Lake Odessa Community Library passed their millage proposal by a healthy margin, marking their first-ever approval. They now plan to purchase a former pharmacy building a block south of the present location, with three times as much space.

For **Peter White Public Library**, Marquette: Chocoy and Marquette Townships renewed a one mill library services appropriation for 1997-2002. These townships account for over \$120,000 annually in operating revenue. Sands Township had renewed this same millage request on last August's primary ballot. City of Marquette voters also approved a 1.5 mill bond issue worth \$4.5 million for Library renovation/expansion on the August primary ballot. Fund raising efforts are now underway to raise an additional \$4.5 million (or half the cost of the project).

Two of four contract townships invited to join **Portage Lake District Library** in Houghton when service contracts are discontinued in January 1997 supported a levy of two mills for four years – the same as was passed in the existing district last August. One township approved the millage by 17 votes (out of 700+ cast) and the other by only three votes (194 to 191). Beginning Jan. 1, residents of the two townships that declined to pay the millage will be required to pay a prorated non-resident borrowing privileges fee of \$45 per year per household/family. Library patrons from the four townships make up over 29% of the total user base, and when combined with non-resident patrons are 52% of the patron base, leaving a minority of 48% actual tax-paying district residents to pay the library millage.

By a 200-vote margin, city of **Pleasant Ridge** voters approved a half-mill, three-year levy to raise about \$125,000 annually and have contracted with Huntington Woods Public Library for full library services.

Presque Isle District Library in Rogers City passed their additional millage request.

Sunfield District Library's millage failed by 16 votes! Voters using machines supported the proposal, but the loss came from 150 absentee ballots (believed to be mostly seniors on fixed income).

Three Oaks Township Library voters approved their first library millage ever, as one mill was passed for 10 years.

WSU LIBRARY REFLECTS "WINDOWS" THEME



Rendering of the new WSU Undergraduate Library courtesy of BEI Associates, Inc.

When the new Wayne State University Undergraduate Library opens in fall 1997, it will abound with windows, from those that wrap around the building to Windows '95 and two unique sets of windows, "Windows on the Arts" and "Windows on the World," which will set this library apart from others.

The WSU Undergraduate Library is envisioned as being a place for learning and to acquire and practice the skills needed for academic success and lifelong learning. It may be seen as a microcosm of academic life, future career life and surrounding cultural life, affording intriguing glimpses or "windows" into these outside worlds.

Windows on the Arts

"Windows on the Arts" will occupy a large atrium space beyond the entrance and elevator lobbies, and before the entrance to the Auditorium. It will offer performance and display space where students will sample the full scope of arts and cultural events available on campus as well as in the Cultural Center, the city of Detroit and southeastern Michigan. Dancers, musicians and artists from the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, actors from the Hilberry Repertory Company, poets, novelists and playwrights from the Creative Writing Program and artists and performers in the surrounding community will find this an ideal place to introduce their art to a new generation of college students. Throughout their stay at Wayne State, students will cultivate a sense of ownership as they discover their roles as audience, participants and supporters of the arts.

Windows on the World

"Windows on the World" will be located behind the first floor Auditorium adjacent to the vending refreshment area. It will be a casual gathering space where students can see their lives and studies within the context of national and international events. The back wall of the Auditorium will contain a huge television screen which will broadcast breaking news stories, social commentary and political reporting. Problems and opportunities of the world will be placed directly before students and their discourse will be invited. Students will develop awareness of their civic responsibility and their ability to make a difference.

Faculty will be encouraged to plan course assignments and enrichment opportunities around these facilities. Meanwhile, the staff of the Undergraduate Library welcome comments as plans move forward. You can visit the Undergraduate Library's new World Wide Web site at <http://www.libraries.wayne.edu/ugl/> to see construction photographs, floor plans and programmatic descriptions.

◆◆◆ A number of changes have been reported since the **1996-97 Directory of Michigan Libraries** was published:

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10 (Alden) Helena Township Library new director: Gay I. Anderson (previously at Man-celona Township Library).

10 Allegan Public Library new director: Ann Perrigo (previously at Kent District Library).

14 Boyne District Library new director: Nannette Miller.

14 New director of Brighton District Library effective February 1 is David Pauli from Missoula Co., Montana, where he was director of the Missoula Public Library.

14 Buchanan Public Library Add Email: dalep@mlc.lib.mi.us

16 Charlotte Public Library: Add email address: library@scnc.eaton.k12.mi.us

22 Jacqueline Baker resigned as director of the Dowagiac Public Library, effective November 18.

24 Flat Rock Public Library hours are M-Th 12-8 (NOT 4-8). Saturday hours are correct as printed.

29 Grant Public Library new director: Jeanette R. Bazzett.

29 Greenville Public Library became a district library on December 3, for a Michigan total of 112.

31 (Hartland) Cromaine District Library is seeking a new director, following the January 3 resignation of Sandra Scherba as director.

31 (Hemlock) Rauchholz Memorial Library: Add Email: rauchhlz@mlc.lib.mi.us

33 Jessie Kinney resigned as director of Idlewild Public Library effective November 1.

35 & 139 Lake Linden-Hubbell School/Public Library has a new email address of llhs@up.net

36 Lapeer County Library (correction): Phyllis Clark is the system director.

40 (Mason) Delta Branch, Ingham County Library. Phone: 517-321-4014. Fax: 517-321-2080.

45 Eileen Doyle began as new director of Niles Community Library on Nov. 12. Ann Frese has retired after 33 years as director.

46 Northville District Library has a new address of 212 W. Cady Street, Northville, MI 48167-1560. Add TDD: 810-349-3020.

48 Susan Ruder is the new director of Pittsford Public Library, succeeding Sharon Munk.

51 (Saginaw) Thomas Township Library: Add new email: dusek@mlc.lib.mi.us

53 Sebewaing Public Library: new email address: seb@avci.net

56 Vermontville Township Lib. Add Fax: 517-726-1366. Add email: thebookbags@mvcc.com

64 New email address for Woodhouse Library at Aquinas College is zysklar@aquinas.edu

66 Grand Rapids Comm. College, new director of Andrews Library is Susan Bergin, email: sbergin@post.grcc.cc.mi.us

72 Corrected information for UM Kresge Business Library – School Name: U of MI School of Business. Address: Tappan (not Tappen) Street. URL: <http://lib.bus.umich.edu/>

102 Detroit Osteopathic Hospital: Delete entry for closed library.

136 Hillsdale High School: add a Fax number of 517-437-0377.

154 Stephenson High School: New director is Theresa Radandt. Her phone extension (correction) is #17.

157 Wayne Memorial High School: media specialist is Lynette Kidder, phone (correction) 313-595-2252.

Before posting a change, the Library of Michigan may require written documentation or other information verification. To report directory changes for your library, please contact either Linda Neely at 517-373-1296, email: lkneely@libofmich.lib.mi.us or Cindy Krueger at 517-373-4364, email: ckrueger@libofmich.lib.mi.us

◆◆◆ Next time you want to baffle someone with trivia information, you can tell them that Michigan now has 386 legally-established public libraries. These include:

- 107 city libraries,
- 24 county libraries,
- 112 district libraries,
- 23 school district libraries,
- 103 township libraries, and
- 17 village libraries.

◆◆◆ Honoring Those Who Serve: The Michigan Library Association 1997 awards committee seeks nominations of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to libraries in Michigan. Consider your colleagues, library trustees and friends for nomination. Details on awards and nomination forms are available from the MLA office. Deadline for nominations is May 2.

◆◆◆ The Blue Water Library Federation in Port Huron was formally dissolved by the Michigan Legislative Council on December 4. All nine of the former



members have now joined the White Pine Library Cooperative, Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative or The Library Network.



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Dr. Maurice B. Wheeler was appointed director of Detroit Public Library December

10 by the Detroit Library Commission. He had been interim director since May, when former director Jean T. Curtis retired. He had been deputy director since April 1995. Previously he was assistant to the dean for cultural diversity as well as staff development and recruitment officer at the University of Michigan libraries. He also worked for DPL from 1987-1990 as curator of the Hackley Collection in the Music and Performing Arts Department and was instrumental in bringing the manuscripts of 1920s-1940s world-famous American concert tenor Roland Hayes to that collection. Dr. Wheeler holds a masters degree in music and in library science, both from the University of Michigan. His doctor of philosophy degree is from the University of Pittsburgh.

◆◆◆ Also at DPL, Paula Kaczmarek has been appointed manager of the Government Documents Department, replacing Cassandra Harnett. Formerly she was manager of the Sociology and Economics Department.

FEDERAL FUNDING FORUMS COMING

State librarian George Needham will lead a statewide series of discussions of the new Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and its implications for Michigan libraries. LSTA represents a major shift in how federal funds are used to support library services. The Library of Michigan is conducting a series of Forums to hear the views of the Michigan library community on how LSTA dollars can best be used to improve the delivery of library services to all state residents.

Advance registration is required for the Forums and an announcement of all Forum locations is being mailed to Michigan libraries. For further information or to register, please contact Eileen M. Palmer (empalmer@libofmich.lib.mi.us or 517-373-4466).

Date

Location

January 28, 3:30 - 5:30

Kent County District Library,
Wyoming Branch, 3350 Michael S.W.,
Wyoming, MI

January 30, 3:30 - 5:30

Mott Community College,
1401 East Court Street, Flint

February 11, 3:00 - 5:00

Wayne State University, Purdy/Kresge Library
Conference Room, Detroit

February 20, 3:00 - 5:00

Big Rapids Community Library, 426 South
Michigan Ave., Big Rapids

February 28, 10:00 - 12:00

The Library Network, 33030 Van Born Rd., Wayne

March 5, 2:00 - 4:00

Kellogg Community College, Mawby Center
for Continuing Education, 450 North Avenue,
Battle Creek

March 18, 9:00 - 11:00

Public Libraries of Saginaw, Rudolph C. Zauel
Memorial Branch, 3100 North Center, Saginaw

March 27, 1:00 - 3:00

Holiday Inn, Gaylord

April 10, 3:00 - 5:00 (Participation via compressed video
connection at three locations):

Delta-Schoolcraft ISD, 2525 Third Ave. South,
Escanaba

Michigan Technological University, B 11
Electrical Energy Resource Center, Houghton
Lake Superior State University Library,
Room 253, 906 Ryan St., Sault Ste. Marie

April 30, 3:00 - 4:30

Rural Library Conference, Acme, Grand Traverse
Resort (conference registration not required).

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